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April 20, 1979

Mr. Thomas A. Cosgrove
P.O. Box 38987
Hollywood, California
90038

Dear Mr. Cosgrove,

I refer to your letter of March 30, 1979 relating to the sale of People's Temple equipment in Guyana.

At this time it is uncertain whether the equipment you are interested in will ever be sold. The ownership of this property is presently under litigation in the Courts of Guyana.

My only suggestion would be to write our Consul in Georgetown and ask him to notify you once the issue is settled and a sale is scheduled. However, you should be aware it may not be several years before all the claims are settled. For your information only one of the People's Temple boats was impounded by the Guyanese authorities. The other ship was at sea when the November 18 tragedy occurred and I am not sure of its present whereabouts.

I trust the above information clarify's this matter for you. Please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,

Richard A. McCoy
Office of Caribbean Affairs

call: the MESSENGER

(213) 462-1161
(714) 752-1191

30 March 1979

U.S. State Department
Guyana Desk
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

Please notify me as soon as a sale of People's Temple equipment in Guyana is scheduled. I would also like to know of any special terms and conditions of sale.

I am particularly interested in the boats owned by the Temple in Guyana.

Sincerely,

Thomas A. Cosgrove